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This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of the claims:

Claim 1: (currently amended) A method for detecting the presence of colon cancer in a patient comprising:

(a) determining levels of a colon specific gene (ESG) comprising a polynucleotide sequence of comprising SEQ ID NO:1 or a polypeptide encoded thereby, in cells, tissues or bodily fluids in a patient; and

(b) comparing the determined levels of the ESG polynucleotide comprising SEQ ID NO:1 or the polypeptide encoded thereby with levels of the ESG polynucleotide comprising SEQ ID NO:1 or the polypeptide encoded thereby in cells, tissues or bodily fluids measured in a normal human control, wherein a change in determined levels of the ESG polynucleotide comprising SEQ ID NO:1 or the polypeptide encoded thereby in said patient versus levels of the ESG polynucleotide comprising SEQ ID NO:1 or the polypeptide encoded thereby measured in a normal human control is associated with the presence of colon cancer.

Claims 2-12 (canceled)